

EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

ATLAS GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

D-LINK CORPORATION

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 6:22-cv-00520-ADA

Jury Trial Requested

SCHEDULING ORDER

On August 11, 2022 (fourteen days after the filing date of the Case Readiness Status Report, Dkt. No. 16), a case management conference in the above entitled and numbered case was deemed to occur. All parties appeared through counsel. Pursuant to Rule 16, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court ORDERS that the following schedule will govern deadlines up to and including the trial of this matter:

Date	Event
October 20, 2022	Defendant serves preliminary invalidity contentions in the form of (1) a chart setting forth where in the prior art references each element of the asserted claim(s) are found, (2) an identification of any limitations the Defendant contends are indefinite or lack written description under section 112, and (3) an identification of any claims the Defendant contends are directed to ineligible subject matter under section 101. Defendant shall also produce (1) all prior art referenced in the invalidity contentions, and (2) technical documents, including software where applicable, sufficient to show the operation of the accused product(s).
November 17, 2022	Parties exchange claim terms for construction.
December 1, 2022	Parties exchange proposed claim constructions.

December 8, 2022	Parties disclose extrinsic evidence. The parties shall disclose any extrinsic evidence, including the identity of any expert witness they may rely upon with respect to claim construction or indefiniteness. With respect to any expert identified, the parties shall identify the scope of the topics for the witness's expected testimony. ¹ With respect to items of extrinsic evidence, the parties shall identify each such item by production number or produce a copy of any such item if not previously produced.
December 15, 2022	Deadline to meet and confer to narrow terms in dispute and exchange revised list of terms/constructions.
February 2, 2023	Defendant files Opening claim construction brief, including any arguments that any claim terms are indefinite.
February 23, 2023	Plaintiff files Responsive claim construction brief.
March 9, 2023	Defendant files Reply claim construction brief.
March 9, 2023	Parties to jointly email the law clerks (<i>see</i> OGP at 1) to confirm their <i>Markman</i> date and to notify if any venue or jurisdictional motions remain unripe for resolution.
March 23, 2023	Plaintiff files a Sur-Reply claim construction brief.
March 28, 2023	Parties submit Joint Claim Construction Statement and email the law clerks an editable copy. <i>See</i> General Issues Note #7 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical advisor (if appointed).
March 27, 2023	Parties submit optional technical tutorials to the Court and technical advisor (if appointed).
April 6, 2023 (or as soon as practicable) ²	<i>Markman</i> Hearing at 9:00 a.m. This date is a placeholder and the Court may adjust this date as the <i>Markman</i> hearing approaches.
April 7, 2023	Fact Discovery opens; deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per Rule 26(a).
May 18, 2023	Deadline to add parties.
June 1, 2023	Deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions. After this date, leave of Court is required for any amendment to infringement contentions. This deadline does not relieve the parties of their obligation to seasonably amend if new information is identified after initial contentions.
July 27, 2023	Deadline to amend pleadings. A motion is not required unless the amendment adds patents or patent claims. (Note: This includes amendments in response to a 12(c) motion.)
October 5, 2023	Deadline for the first of two meet and confers to discuss significantly narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue. Unless the parties agree to the narrowing, they are ordered to contact the Court's law clerk to arrange a teleconference with the Court to resolve the disputed issues.

¹ Any party may utilize a rebuttal expert in response to a brief where expert testimony is relied upon by the other party.

² All deadlines hereafter follow the original *Markman* hearing date and do not change if the Court delays the *Markman* hearing.

October 26, 2023	Close of Fact Discovery. Fact discovery must be completed by this date. Any fact discovery requests must be propounded so that the responses are due by this date.
November 2, 2023	Opening Expert Reports.
December 7, 2023	Rebuttal Expert Reports.
January 18, 2023	Close of Expert Discovery.
January 25, 2024	Deadline for the second of two meet and confers to discuss narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue to triable limits. If it helps the parties determine these limits, the parties are encouraged to contact the Court's law clerk for an estimate of the amount of trial time anticipated per side. The parties shall file a Joint Report within 5 business days regarding the results of the meet and confer.
February 1, 2024	Dispositive motion deadline and <i>Daubert</i> motion deadline. <i>See</i> General Issues Note #7 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical advisor (if appointed).
February 15, 2024	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations).
February 29, 2024	Serve objections to pretrial disclosures/rebuttal disclosures.
March 7, 2024	Parties to jointly email the Court's law clerk (<i>See</i> OGP at 1) to confirm their pretrial conference and trial dates.
March 7, 2024	Serve objections to rebuttal disclosures; file Motions <i>in limine</i> .
March 21, 2024	File Joint Pretrial Order and Pretrial Submissions (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations); file oppositions to motions <i>in limine</i>
March 28, 2024	File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and email the Court Reporter, Kristie Davis at kmdaviscsr@yahoo.com Deadline to meet and confer regarding remaining objections and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
April 8, 2024	File joint notice identifying remaining objections to pretrial disclosures and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
April 11, 2024 (or as soon as practicable)	Final Pretrial Conference. Held in person unless otherwise requested.

May 2, 2024 (or as soon as practicable) ³	Jury Selection/Trial.
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SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

ALAN D. ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

³ If the actual trial date materially differs from the Court's default schedule, the Court will consider reasonable amendments to the case schedule post-*Markman* that are consistent with the Court's default deadlines in light of the actual trial date.